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Mr. Mike Madigan, Chair
Bay-Delta Advisory Council
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155
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Subject: BDAC Water Use Efficiency Workgroup Invited Participants

Dear Mr. Madigan:

Representatives of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority) have attended the last two meetings of the Water Use Efficiency Workgroup (Workgroup). The activities and recommendations of the Workgroup have been identified as being important to the BDAC and the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, particularly for those that receive their water from the Delta.

A number of matters became apparent in the course of the recent Workgroup meetings. First, there are misconceptions regarding water use efficiency by agriculture. Second, there appears to be a shortage of technically qualified agricultural stakeholder representatives on the Workgroup. And finally, the combination of the foregoing two points could lead to the Workgroup's work product(s) being incomplete or inaccurate which could affect the entire CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Technical accuracy and real world practicality are key to the success of BDAC and the CALFED Program.

While we have had the opportunity to provide input at the meetings, we believe it is essential to have people with technical expertise identified as members of the Workgroup. Therefore, the Authority requests that Lance Johnson, Westlands Water District's Supervisor of Water Resources, become an "Invited Participant" of the Water Use Efficiency Workgroup. As background, Mr. Johnson is a registered Agricultural Engineer with nearly 20 years experience in water use, supply, delivery, and operations (including reclaimed water) at the on-farm, district, regional, and Central Valley Project

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(CVP) scales. Mr. Johnson has also been a farmer for over 25 years and has represented the Authority and Westlands on Bay-Delta, ESA, drainage, and CVP operations matters for the last eight years. This combination of training, knowledge, and experience would be an asset to the Workgroup and other BDAC/CALFED efforts.

The Authority requests appropriate consideration on this matter at the earliest possible date. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (209) 826-9696.

Sincerely,



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